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Regarding: Michael J. Mullane
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For SNOW STOP

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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 20 DEC 2004.

In reply to the 10/08/2004 final action (Paper No. 20040921) please consider the present reply in support of the patentability of claim 18 so that it need not be submitted for appeal. Prompt action, with supervisory review of the Examiners, is requested.

Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest is Mr. Michael J. Mullane and the M.J. Mullane Co., Inc.

Related Matters

There is no appeal nor interference related to this case.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 9-17 and 21-25 stand allowed. Claims 19 and 20 are allowable but objected to as depending on a rejected base claim, No. 18. Claim 18 is under final rejection, and the subject of the present request for reconsideration.

Status of Amendments

No amendment after this final rejection has yet been filed.

Summary of Invention

The invention of claim 18, in brief, resides in a snow stop having a round base and intersecting, upstanding members. With full particularity, this claim requires:

18. A snow stop comprising a base member and a snow-restraining member connected to a top side of the base member, wherein the base is round and the snow restraining member is included in intersecting, upstanding members in at least one predetermined angle one to another.